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## **PARTNERSHIPS MAKE ONE SEDGWICK COUNTY COMMUNITY SAFER**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

(Sedgwick County) - On June 2, the community of Andale will become significantly more resistant to the dangers of fire. That's because Sedgwick County Project Impact has teamed up with Andale Boy Scout Troop #497 to ensure that every home in Andale has a working smoke detector on all floors.

Five teams of scouts will install several new detectors on June 2, while assessing other new homes for this equipment. The safety program is an Eagle Project for two Andale Boy Scouts, who will coordinate the volunteer activities. The smoke detectors were donated to Sedgwick County Project Impact by the Wichita Area Safe Kids Coalition, and donations from local businesses helped purchase additional materials for the project. Those businesses include Andale Lumber, Kraus A.G., Brunin Café, and Eastside Marine.

The Scouts will also put together "safety packages" with smoke detectors and safety information from the Sedgwick County Fire Department that will be placed in all new homes built in Andale.

Sedgwick County Project Impact is a FEMA program designed to help communities prevent disaster and become more disaster resistant. Sedgwick County became a Project Impact community in 2001. Other programs similar to this can be coordinated in other Sedgwick County communities; call DeAnn Konkell, Sedgwick County Project Impact Coordinator, at 383-7546 for more information.

Participants will meet at 9:00 am at Sedgwick County Fire Station #31 in Andale. Media representatives are invited to attend.

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